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# Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia

Experimental weekly estimates on the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on employee jobs and wages, sourced from Single Touch Payroll data

Reference period Week ending 4 April 2020

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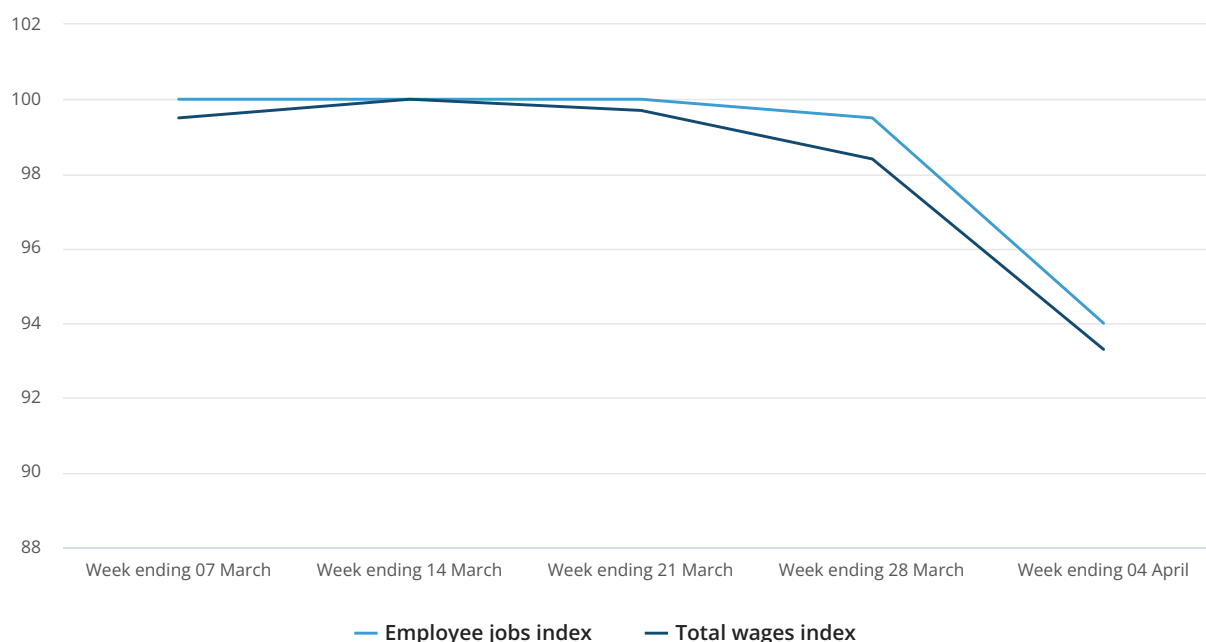
## Key statistics

Between the week ending 14 March 2020 (the week Australia recorded its 100th confirmed COVID-19 case) and the week ending 4 April 2020:

- Employee jobs decreased by 6.0%; and
- Total wages paid decreased by 6.7%.

## Key findings

Graph 1 - Changes in employee jobs and total wages indexed to the week



Between the week ending 28 March 2020 and the week ending 4 April 2020:

- Employee jobs decreased by 5.5%, compared to a decrease of 0.5% in the previous week
- Total wages paid decreased by 5.1%, compared to a decrease of 1.3% in the previous week

## Jobs and wages by state and territory

Since the week ending 14 March 2020 (the week Australia recorded its 100th confirmed COVID-19 case), the largest changes were:

- Employee jobs: Tasmania decreased by 7.3% and Victoria decreased by 6.8%
- Total wages: Northern Territory decreased by 17.6% and Victoria decreased by 8.8%

Between the week ending 28 March 2020 and the week ending 4 April 2020, the largest changes were:

- Employee jobs: Victoria decreased by 6.0%, and Tasmania and New South Wales both decreased by 5.7%
- Total wages: Victoria decreased by 6.3% and the Northern Territory decreased by 6.1%

**Table 1 - Percentage changes by states and territories**

|                  | Change in<br>employee jobs<br>between 28<br>March and 4 April | Change in<br>employee jobs<br>between 14<br>March and 4 April | Change in total<br>wages between<br>28 March and 4<br>April | Change in total<br>wages between<br>14 March and 4<br>April |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| NSW              | -5.7%   | -6.4%   | -5.7%   | -6.1%   |
| Vic.             | -6.0%   | -6.8%   | -6.3%   | -8.8%   |
| Qld              | -4.6%   | -5.0%   | -3.4%   | -5.6%   |
| SA               | -5.3%   | -5.2%   | -2.2%   | -2.2%   |
| WA               | -5.6%   | -5.2%   | -4.8%   | -6.3%   |
| Tas.             | -5.7%   | -7.3%   | -5.7%   | -7.5%   |
| NT               | -5.4%   | -4.8%   | -6.1%   | -17.6%  |
| ACT              | -4.8%   | -5.5%   | -5.3%   | -5.7%   |
| <b>Australia</b> | <b>-5.5%</b>  | <b>-6.0%</b>  | <b>-5.1%</b>  | <b>-6.7%</b>  |

## Jobs and wages by sex

Since the week ending 14 March 2020 (the week Australia recorded its 100th confirmed COVID-19 case):

- Employee jobs: Those worked by females decreased by 5.9% and those worked by males decreased by 5.8%
- Total wages: Payments to females decreased by 7.0% and payments to males decreased by 6.4%

Between the week ending 28 March 2020 and the week ending 4 April 2020:

- Employee jobs: Those worked by females decreased by 5.7% and those worked by males decreased by 5.1%
- Total wages: Payments to males and females both decreased by 5.1%

**Table 2 - Changes by sex**

|                        | Change in<br>employee jobs<br>between 28<br>March and 4 April | Change in<br>employee jobs<br>between 14<br>March and 4 April | Change in total<br>wages between<br>28 March and 4<br>April | Change in total<br>wages between<br>14 March and 4<br>April |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Males                  | -5.1%   | -5.8%   | -5.1%   | -6.4%   |
| Females                | -5.7%   | -5.9%   | -5.1%   | -7.0%   |
| <b>All<br/>persons</b> | <b>-5.5%</b>  | <b>-6.0%</b>  | <b>-5.1%</b>  | <b>-6.7%</b>  |

## Jobs and wages by age group

Since the week ending 14 March 2020 (the week Australia recorded its 100th confirmed COVID-19 case), the largest changes were:

- Employee jobs: Those worked by people aged under 20 decreased by 9.9% and those worked by people aged 70 and over decreased by 9.7%
- Total wages: Payments to people aged under 20 decreased by 12.7% and payments to people aged 20-29 decreased by 9.1%

Between the week ending 28 March 2020 and the week ending 4 April 2020, the largest changes were:

- Employee jobs: Those worked by people aged 70 and over decreased by 8.5% and those worked by people aged under 20 decreased by 8.1%
- Total wages: Payments to people aged 70 and over decreased by 8.7% and payments to people aged under 20 decreased by 6.8%

### Table 3 - Changes by age group

|                        | Change in<br>employee jobs<br>between 28<br>March and 4 April | Change in<br>employee jobs<br>between 14<br>March and 4 April | Change in total<br>wages between<br>28 March and 4<br>April | Change in total<br>wages between<br>14 March and 4<br>April |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Aged under 20          | -8.1%   | -9.9%   | -6.8%   | -12.7%  |
| 20-29 years<br>olds    | -7.5%   | -8.8%   | -6.0%   | -9.1%   |
| 30-39 years<br>olds    | -5.2%   | -5.5%   | -5.3%   | -6.5%   |
| 40-49 years<br>olds    | -4.3%   | -4.3%   | -5.0%   | -6.2%   |
| 50-59 years<br>olds    | -3.8%   | -3.8%   | -4.1%   | -5.5%   |
| 60-69 years<br>olds    | -4.0%   | -4.0%   | -3.8%   | -5.7%   |
| 70 years and<br>over   | -8.5%   | -9.7%   | -8.7%   | -6.3%   |
| <b>All<br/>persons</b> | <b>-5.5%</b>  | <b>-6.0%</b>  | <b>-5.1%</b>  | <b>-6.7%</b>  |

## Jobs and wages by industry

Between the week ending 14 March 2020 (the week Australia recorded its 100th confirmed COVID-19 case) and the week ending 4 April 2020, the largest changes were:

- Employee jobs: Accommodation and food services decrease by 25.6% and Arts and recreation services decreased by 18.7%
- Total wages: Accommodation and food services decreased by 30.1% and Arts and recreation services decreased by 15.7%

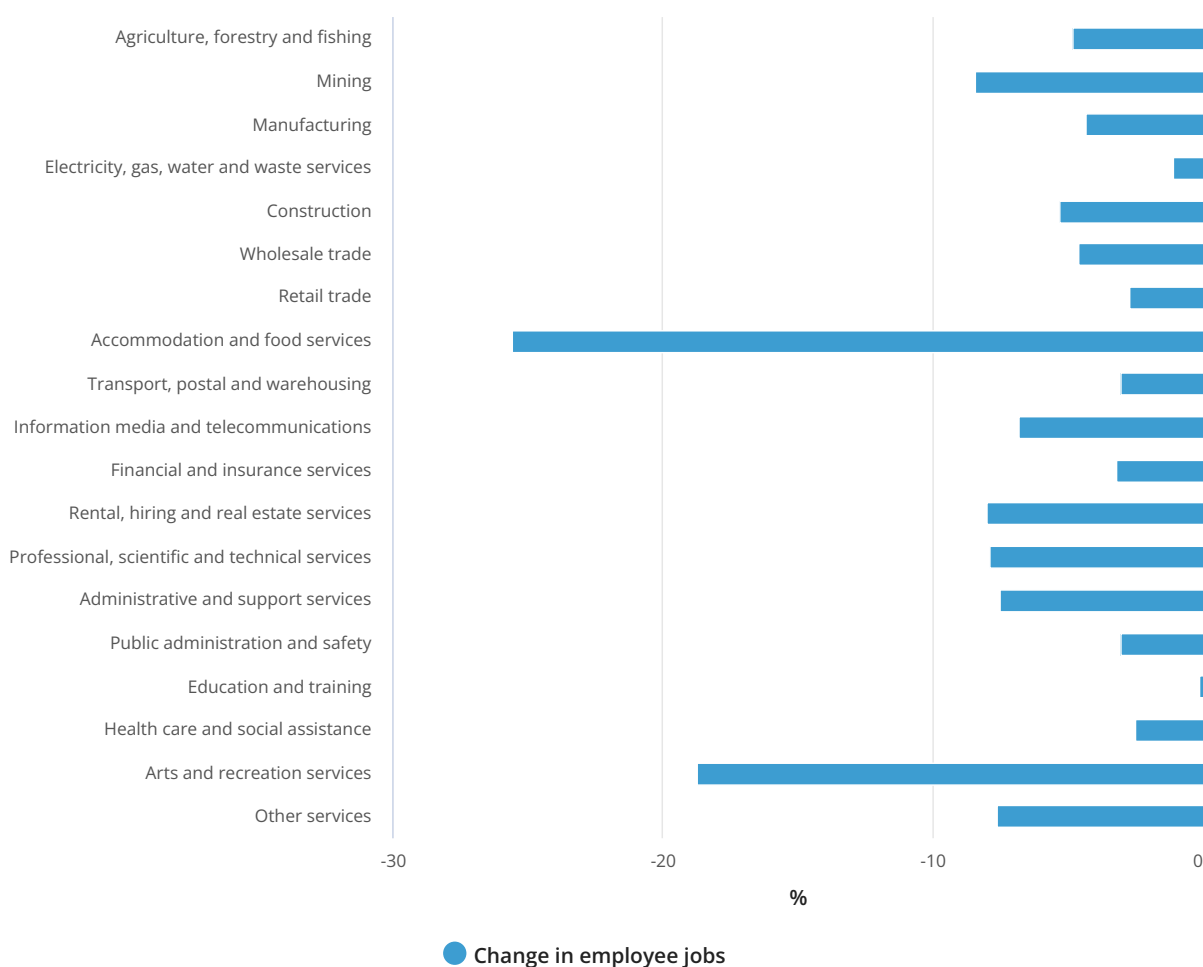
Between the week ending 28 March 2020 and the week ending 4 April 2020, the largest changes were:

- Employee jobs: Accommodation and food services decreased by 18.9% and Arts and recreation services decreased by 13.1%
- Total wages: Accommodation and food services decreased by 17.7% and Professional, scientific and technical services decreased by 9.7%

## Table 4 - Changes by industry

|  | Change in<br>employee jobs<br>between 28<br>March and 4<br>April | Change in<br>employee jobs<br>between 14<br>March and 4<br>April | Change in total<br>wages between<br>28 March and 4<br>April | Change in total<br>wages between<br>14 March and 4<br>April |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| Agriculture, forestry<br>and fishing               | -5.6%  | -4.8%  | -6.4%   | -3.5%   |
| Mining   | -8.1%  | -8.4%  | -8.1%   | -9.5%   |
| Manufacturing                                      | -3.3%  | -4.3%  | -1.1%   | -5.9%   |
| Electricity, gas, water<br>and waste services      | -1.3%  | -1.1%  | 0.1%  | -1.9%   |
| Construction                                       | -4.0%  | -5.3%  | -4.3%   | -3.6%   |
| Wholesale trade                                    | -4.4%  | -4.6%  | 0.5%  | -0.2%   |
| Retail trade                                       | -4.1%  | -2.7%  | -3.5%   | -7.6%   |
| Accommodation and<br>food services                 | -18.9%   | -25.6%   | -17.7%  | -30.1%  |
| Transport, postal and<br>warehousing               | -2.2%  | -3.0%  | -3.4%   | -5.2%   |
| Information media and<br>telecommunications        | -5.9%  | -6.8%  | -6.6%   | -7.3%   |
| Financial and insurance<br>services                | -3.2%  | -3.2%  | -8.9%   | -7.8%   |
| Rental, hiring and real<br>estate services         | -6.9%  | -8.0%  | -7.7%   | -8.5%   |
| Professional, scientific<br>and technical services | -7.1%  | -7.9%  | -9.7%   | -8.4%   |
| Administrative and<br>support services             | -7.0%  | -7.5%  | -5.9%   | -5.8%   |
| Public administration<br>and safety                | -2.6%  | -3.0%  | -2.2%   | -4.9%   |
| Education and training                             | -1.7%  | -0.1%  | -3.6%   | -0.7%   |
| Health care and social<br>assistance               | -4.7%  | -2.5%  | -4.7%   | -8.0%   |
| Arts and recreation<br>services                    | -13.1%   | -18.7%   | -9.1%   | -15.7%  |
| Other services                                     | -7.0%  | -7.6%  | -3.7%   | -4.5%   |
| <b>All industries</b>                              | <b>-5.5%</b>   | <b>-6.0%</b>   | <b>-5.1%</b>  | <b>-6.7%</b>  |

Graph 2 - Changes in employee jobs by industry since 14 March 2020



## Data downloads

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## Methodology

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